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By Michael Lim Ubac

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SEF GONZALES: Prosecutors describe his crime as "a slaughter by an angry assassin"

FPJ cuts GMA lead by 37%

Gov't links electoral watchdog to Reds

By Christian V. Esguerra



ON THE ROAD: Fernando Poe Jr. arrives in Davao City where he maintains he won in the elections. Earlier, in Cagayan de Oro City, he said he would not give up in a closer.

Namfrel tallies votes from KNP bailiwicks

ELEKSYON 2004

NAMFREL TALLY

COMELEC TALLY

Isabela gov blames communists for woes



Palace: FPJ claiming victory dangerous



FIREPOWER is parked on the grounds of the provincial capitol in Ilagan, Isabela.



2 'presidents,' 2 inaugurations

By Carlito Pablo and Julien L. Javellana



THAT'S HIM·Captor points to Usman Lidjal.

MILF leader with Abu links, pal captured

By Julie S. Alipala,
PDI Mindanao Bureau
and Alcuin Papa,
in Manila

ZAMBOANGA CITY—A ranking leader of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), who was also an alleged supporter of the Abu Sayyaf terror group, and a cohort were captured at a military checkpoint in Barangay Talon-Talon here on Wednesday, the authorities said yesterday.

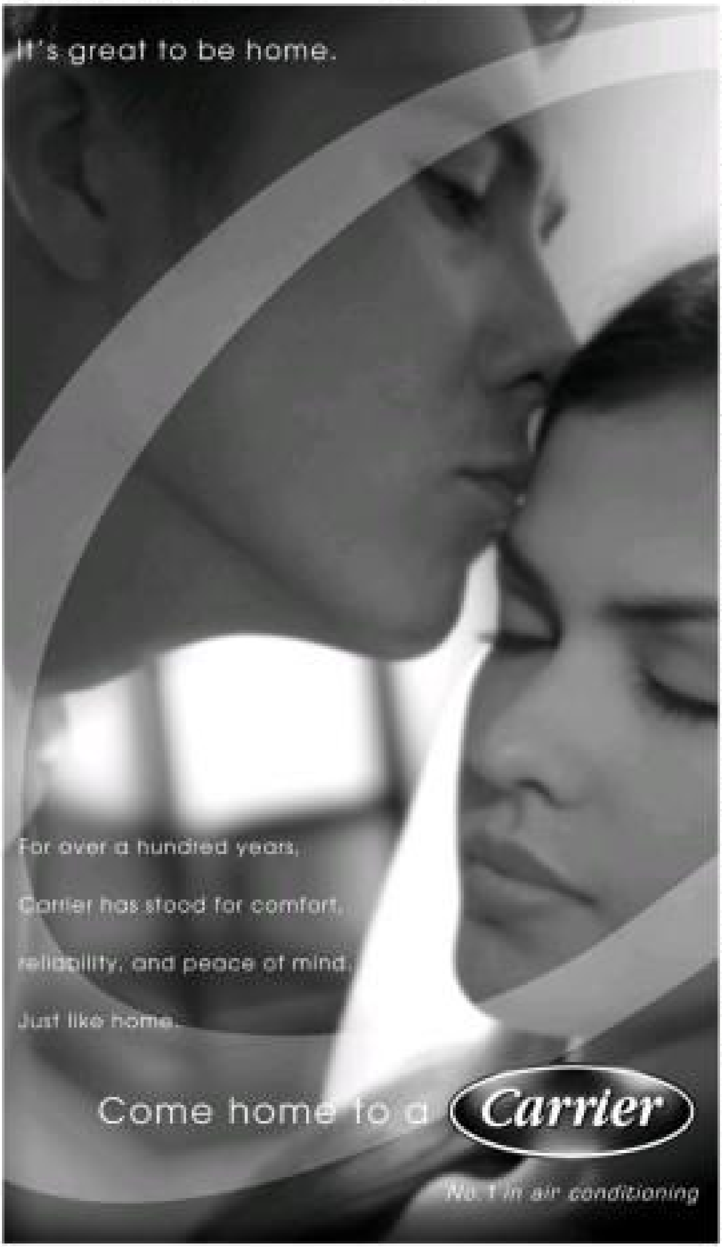
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Beheaded

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'Spent force'

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PLUNDER TRIAL

Sandigan fed up, wants 'closure' to Erap case

By Armand N. Nocum

CLOSURE is all they want.

Impatient Sandiganbayan justices have dared court-appointed lawyers of deposed President Estrada to present their evidence once and for all to bring closure to their client's case that has dragged on for three years now.

"If he is really innocent, then there is more reason you should hurry up the case," Sandiganbayan President Officer and Special Division Chair Minita Chico-Nazario said in reaction to defense lawyer's Jose Flaminiano's remark that they would file a "motion" that she said could again delay the scheduled presentation of evidence by the defense.

Delayed resolution

Government prosecutors have consistently criticized defense lawyers for allegedly delaying the resolution of the case by filing before the Sandiganbayan motions and petitions ranging from questioning the court's jurisdiction, to asking it to give Estrada a chance to use toilet facilities in his rest house near Camp Capinpin in Tanay where he is detained on plunder charges.

As the Sandiganbayan tentatively set the presentation of evidence by the defense on May 31—more than a year after the prosecution ended the presentation of their evidence—Estrada's police custodians found themselves in bigger trouble for allegedly allowing "Time" and "Yes" magazine reporters to interview and take pictures of Estrada and his family by former actress Laarni Enriquez in Estrada's rest house.

The court initially set the schedule for the presentation of evidence by defense lawyers in June last year, but Estrada's lawyers had filed several motions, some of which, it said, had little to do with the case.

Yesterday, when Special Prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio asked defense lawyers if they would present their evidence, Flaminiano replied that they intended to file a motion which he did not specify, and to "seek all legal remedies" in Estrada's favor.

Nazario said they hope to resolve all these "pending incidents" to finally move toward resolving the graft and plunder charges filed against Estrada in April 2001.

Contempt charges

In yesterday's hearing called primarily to hear indirect contempt proceedings against Police Chief Hermogenes Ebdane and Chief Supt. Rolando Sacramento, Villa-Ignacio said they were looking into the possibility of filing separate contempt charges against the two officials for additional violations and for their alleged refusal to cooperate with the court in presenting logbooks and other records of Camp Capinpin where Estrada is detained.

The two allegedly allowed Estrada to leave his detention quarters for his rest house, and even to his house in San Juan without a court order.

Yesterday, Villa-Ignacio presented the May issues of Time Magazine with an article on Estrada by a foreign correspondent and a photo showing Estrada in bed at Camp Capinpin, and Yes, an entertainment magazine that had an interview with Estrada and his children by Enriquez in his rest house.

Villa-Ignacio said this showed the PNP's "liberal and lax treatment of the custodial arrangement" set by the court.

The court had decreed that all interviews on Estrada would be allowed only with its permission.

Jinggoy pleads for calm

By Christine O. Avendaño

AMID accusations of massive fraud in the just concluded elections, opposition senatorial candidate Jinggoy Estrada yesterday urged supporters to remain vigilant and not engaged in any mass action.

"I am appealing to the people to just wait for the results," Estrada said in a phone interview. "We should not indulge in any violent actions."

Estrada, who has yet to enter the magic 12 in the Senate race, said he was just waiting for the counting of votes to be completed.

"Our country is in turmoil...we need to unite," Estrada said.

32 'distressed' Pinoys back from Iraq



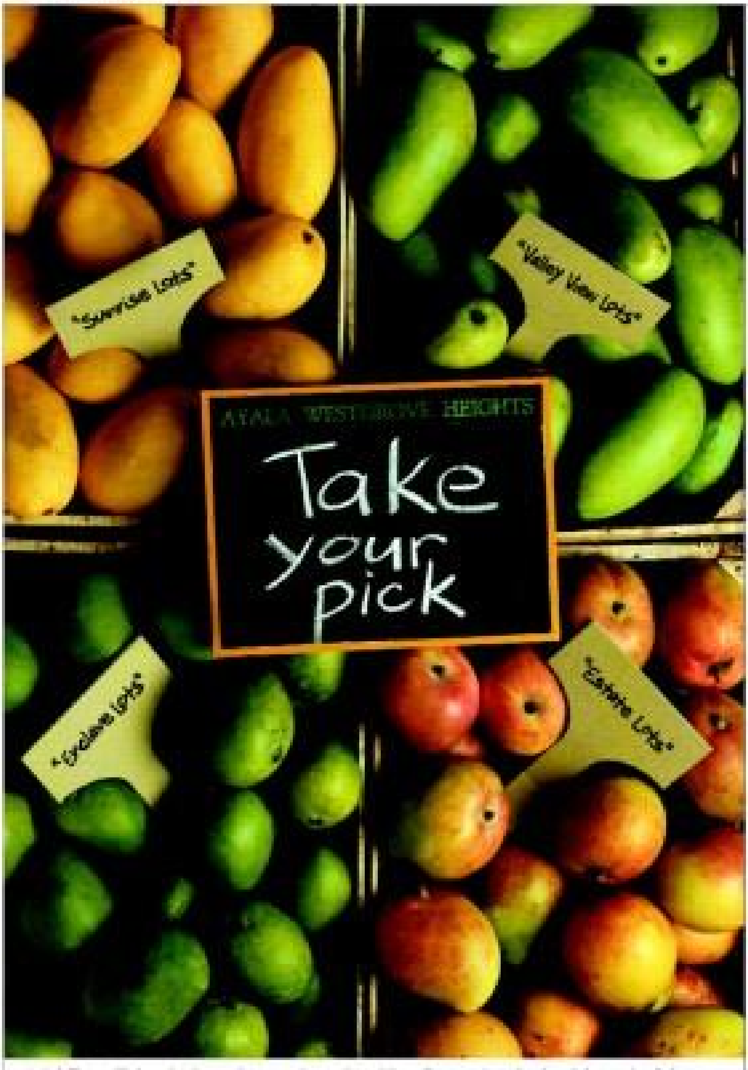
FILIPINO workers (left to right) Noel Santos, Jaime Balaria and Leopoldo Bellomar upon arrival at the Naia yesterday. They were wounded in a mortar attack on Camp Anaconda in Iraq.

Bicol in path of new storm

Bro. Eddie says he wants answers before conceding

Traders edgy over high prices, post-poll tension

Palace on transport fare hike: Grin and bear it



'Electioneering' colonel nabbed

By Alcuin Papa

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US apologizes for expulsion of Muslim prof

By Jeffrey M. Tupas
PDI Mindanao Bureau

No clear reason

Ignore courts, DAR men told

Isabela gov blames communists for poll woes

Denial



To overcome lead

'Black troopers'

Comelec petition

2 'presidents,' . . .

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By the way ...

No-show

Back to work

Boracay slays far from solved, probers say

By Christian V. Esguerra

ALTHOUGH five people have already been charged, police are still far from solving the Boracay murders.

Investigators are still looking for more witnesses who could help explain why primary suspect Uwe Fritzl would want to murder his German boss and three others, said Supt. [illegible] Magsaysay, Aklan provincial police director.

"We believe there's more to the crime than just petty robbery," he told the Inquirer in Filipino. "We're trying to dig deeper to find out the real motive."

The loot—an assortment of personal belongings and [illegible]—was apparently disproportionate to the cold-blooded murder of Armin Bauernhauser, Swiss-born Hong Kong gallery owner, Hong Kong-based British academic John Comparetto, the German's maid Erna [illegible].

If robbery was the primary reason, Magsaysay said the suspects might have taken from the victim's three-storey La Dolce Vita villa a much more valuable item than those believed to be missing.

Magsaysay said he was scheduled to meet this weekend with someone close to Bauernhauser who might have an idea on the real motive behind the murders.

"We're hoping that the person could share something important so we could finally solve this case," he said. "As of this point, we still have many questions."

Multiple murder and robbery charges have been filed against German Fritzl, Filipino Chito Catalogo, and other unidentified men before the Aklan provincial prosecutor's office.

Magsaysay said the case against Fritzl was based on both scientific and circumstantial evidence. Fritzl's footprints were found on the puddle of blood near the sink inside Bauernhauser's mansion.

Catalogo, who had fished the [illegible], was implicated also because of circumstantial evidence, according to Chief Supt. Joel Goltiao, Philippine National Police spokesperson.



Quake jolts Cebu, Bohol

A 5.2-MAGNITUDE earthquake roused villagers from sleep and slightly damaged a shopping center Thursday in the central Visayas, but there were no reports of injuries, police said.

The earthquake, set off at dawn by movement in a local fault, was felt in Cebu province and the nearby resort island of Bohol, where villagers rushed out of their houses as the ground shook and bottles and plates rattled, police said.

[illegible], a police officer in Bohol's coastal town of Tubigon, said cracks appeared in walls of a three-story shopping center, but there were no other reports of damage or injuries.

[illegible] said he was heading to the kitchen when he felt the ground shake and heard empty bottles tumbling in his house.

"I ran out of the house thinking it might collapse, but the shaking suddenly stopped. Then I saw that my neighbors were outside of their houses too," [illegible] told The Associated Press by telephone. AP

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Opposition-friendly regions

Proclamation of senators

Record

Comelec count

Party list

Six-hour delay

Proof to stop GMA proclamation presented

Wait telegraph punches

More are coming

Explosive evidence

Showdown

Post-election win

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No doubt

False and malicious

Congress' integrity

Contrary to law

Like Eddie Gil

ELECTION 2004

PARTY LIST

Gov't links electoral watchdog to Reds

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Proper vigils

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'Post-election scenarios'

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'Nothing dubious'

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Surveillance

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NBI appeal

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Aussie court finds Sef guilty of killing family



Lies exposed

No help from kin

Bizarre behavior

Aloha, Jasmine

Pressure too much

'Follow your instinct'

SPORTS

UAAP focuses on fellowship

DE LA SALLE puts a premium on brotherhood and the youth as this year's hosts of the 67th University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP).

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Big turnout expected in MY Games

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Shakey's V-League starts May 30

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OPINION



Hope for new politics

EDITORIAL

THE VICTORY of Ms. Grace Cielo Padaca in the gubernatorial race in Isabela signifies a sea change in the politics of Northern Luzon where political dynasties have been well entrenched for two generations now. The election may have been less the showcase of enlightened politics than it was supposed to be. But Padaca's triumph should somehow indicate that electoral wisdom is still there, alive and defiant.

Padaca's victory is dramatic when taken in the context of the seeming invincibility of the Dy clan that ruled Isabela politics for more than 30 years. It is doubly dramatic when one considers that Padaca, a polio victim, emerged from nowhere to stake her claim on the governorship against all odds.

Padaca's credentials are hardly conventional for a politician. But they provide a stark contrast to those of the traditional politician. The electorate took notice and the rest was history.

For one, Padaca is a professional, a one-time broadcast journalist and later a certified public accountant and state auditor. She therefore differs from the typical politician who is either a lawyer or a full-time politician, or both. [illegible]

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The giant killers

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

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Gag orders taint electoral mandate

PASSION FOR REASON

Raul C. Pangalangan

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Grotesque

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Quezon's first visit to Malacañang

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Learning from world's largest democracy

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Clean-up fund

A defining moment for coco farmers

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US Army accused of killing 41 at Iraq wedding

Pentagon finds more prison abuse photos

Israel defies international outcry, expands its bloodiest Gaza offensive



Israeli women spearhead call for withdrawal



Economic reformer named Indian PM

Protesters hurl powder-filled condom at Blair

European Union lifts 5-year ban on bio-engineered food

Taiwan offers olive branch to China





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Kidnap victim found dead on Benguet highway

By Donna Demetillo and Frank Cimatu
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet—A kidnapped Chinese-Filipino businessman has been found dead on Monday on a highway in this province, ending in tragedy the two-month long kidnapping drama that was kept secret from the public.

The body of Senly Loy, who owns an agricultural supply dealership here, was discovered along Km 38 of the Halsema Highway in Atok, Benguet, days after his family was supposed to have paid P500,000 in ransom to his kidnappers.

Authorities said Loy could have already been dead when his kidnappers made contact with his family.

The Chinese-Filipino community had been aware of Loy's abduction in March, a businessman told the INQUIRER.

"We are very, very worried about this latest abduction because Baguio has been a convenient (out-of-the way) safehouse for kidnap victims before, and kidnappers never noticed us. Now they see us," the businessman said.

At a Thursday press conference in Camp Dangwa, police and officials of an anti-kidnapping task force presented Jefferson Ab-Abor, who surrendered on May 17. He had admitted participation in the abduction and killing of Loy, officials said.

Ab-Abor led police and anti-kidnapping agents to his alleged cohorts, Eddie Bagni of Sadanga, Mt. Province; Delfin Palagpag and Jayson Linglingan, both of Tadian, Mt. Province; and Cromwell Luke Filog of Bontoc, Mt. Province.

The agents arrested a sixth member but police have yet to identify him.

Autopsy reports showed Loy struggled during his abduction, prompting one of his captors to hit him in the head.

That blow caused intra-cranial injuries that led to his death, officials said.

Family sources told the INQUIRER in April that Loy's abandoned vehicle, a Revo, was discovered at Barangay Beckel in La Trinidad, Benguet, shortly after his disappearance. He was on his way to a family property there when he disappeared.

Despite Loy's death, his abductors proceeded to negotiate for ransom, police said.

They said the Loy family failed to pay any ransom. But Loy's widow, Angeline, said the kidnappers had collected P500,000. She said the ransom price would fluctuate from P5,000 to P20,000 for several pay-off schedules.

The suspects failed to surface in most of these scheduled ransom demands, except for the second scheduled pay-off in May.

The widow did not elaborate when and how the payments where supposed to be made.

The National Bureau of Investigation in Baguio tried to contact the Loy family, but the latter instead sought out the anti-kidnapping task force in April. *With a report from Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau and Alcuin Papa, in Manila*

Boracay slay victim widow welcomes filing of raps vs suspects

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—The widow of a German businessman, who was murdered with three others on Boracay Island in Aklan, yesterday welcomed the filing of a criminal complaint against five suspects in the killings.

"I am glad that it has already started (prosecution of suspects)," said Joseline Elamparo-Forstenhausler in a telephone interview with the INQUIRER.

She, however, refused to give further statements aside from saying that she was leaving the case to the police investigators.

Lawyer Estrella Elamparo, Joseline's niece who also acts as one of her legal counsels, said they had told her aunt to prepare for any eventuality in the case including the possibility that the killers were known or close to her slain husband.

But Elamparo said her aunt was surprised that one of the respondents was Uwe Frizel, a German and friend of her husband Anton, the owner of the three-story mansion where the murders occurred.

She said Frizel was "quite close" to her uncle.

While they have yet to receive a copy of the complaint, Elamparo said they welcomed the filing of the case because "it appears that the police are really working on (the case)."

Police investigators late Monday filed a complaint for robbery and multiple homicide against Frizel in the killing of the 69-year-old Anton, his two guests and Filipina housemaid.

The bodies of Forstenhausler, Swiss-born Hong Kong gallery owner Manfred Schoeni and British architect John James Cowperthwaite were found in separate rooms on the second floor of the mansion called Dolce Vita, which sits on top of Mt. Luho at Sitio Bulabog, Barangay Balabag.

Erma Sarmiento was found dead in the maid's quarters on the ground floor. The bodies bore multiple stab wounds.

Also named respondents were construction worker Chito Catalogo and three other unidentified suspects.

Supt. Remus Canieso, chief of the Boracay Special Protection Unit and Task Force Anton, filed the complaint before the provincial prosecutors' office in the capital town of Kalibo in Aklan.

Chief Supt. George Aliño, Western Visayas police director, told reporters here on Monday that the complaint was filed against the five respondents based on evidence including those gathered at the crime scene.

Comelec chair's son-in-law loses

STA. CRUZ, Laguna—The son-in-law of Commission on Elections (Comelec) Chair Benjamin Abalos Sr. badly lost to his rival in the mayoral contest that was marred by controversy in Biñan town.

Reelectionist Mayor Hermis Carlos Perez, garnering 34,586 votes, handily defeated rival Jose Francisco Yatco, son-in-law of Abalos, by about 14,000 votes amid controversy.

Municipal Board of Canvassers (BOC) chair Aizel M. Jagmis proclaimed Perez as the winning mayor of Biñan on May 15 along with vice mayoral winner Merlyn B. Alonte who garnered 36,259 votes.

Comelec provincial officials said the canvassing of election returns in Biñan was delayed for several days when the former municipal BOC chair, Telesforo Descallar, was allegedly hospitalized.

Even during proclamation day, both camps continued trading complaints of irregularities against each other.

Earlier, Perez's camp accused Yatco of taking advantage of his close affiliation with Abalos to ensure his victory.

But Yatco had vehemently denied the insinuations, and instead accused Perez of being the one cheating in the elections.

Meanwhile, former representative and Calamba City mayoral candidate Joaquin M. Chipeco (KNP-LDP), with 92,506 votes, easily won over rival Saturnino J. Lajara (Lakas-CMP). *Romulo O. Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Shipyard owner trades shots with kidnappers

ZAMBOANGA CITY—A shipyard owner here eluded a kidnapping attempt shortly before dawn yesterday.

Supt. Mario Yanga, city police chief, said Jose Tong, 40, of Barangay Kawit, traded shots with at least three armed men, who tried to snatch him from his house around 12:50 a.m.

Tong, owner of the Varadero de Cawit, killed one of the suspects but he was also critically wounded.

"He suffered one bullet wound in the chest that exited at his back. The firearm used was a 9 mm para-pistol (sic)," Yanga said.

He said the identity of the slain suspect was still being established because police investigators recovered at least two community tax certificates from his body.

Past attempts

Kidnappers have targeted the Tong family in the past.

In August 1992, Tong's father Ricardo, was snatched and was later released after the family allegedly paid ransom.

"The kidnappers then were from Sibuco, Zamboanga del Norte. This time the attackers appear to be from this city," Yanga said.

He said the police could still not determine whether or not the suspects in yesterday's attempt against Tong work with the Abu Sayyaf. *Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Army declares victory over rebels





STRUGGLING ARTIST

'Howler' brings ruin to N. Ecija village

Left vows to call military to Congress over killings



Cebu jeep drivers not content with P1.50 increase in fare



Cops free 7 of 8 suspects in grenade attack



TREE ASSAULT

An unidentified worker removes the products of political assault on trees in Quinobaran, Alaminos following the failure of the Commission on Elections to enforce laws prohibiting campaign materials outside of designated common poster areas.

Pangasinan 'star-struck' in bets' choice, says exec

Gloria to hold street party in Cebu City

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Poll twists, turns



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SUERTRES

SIX DIGIT

SUPERLOTTO 6/49

Politics seen in fare hike

Losers spawn storms of protest



LAST DAYS OF SUMMER

Fraud documented

Petitions dismissed

Outgoing Manila dads choose gracious exit

Falling Edsa billboard stalls MRT

MetroBriefs

Ultimatum

CPD blames banks

APB fellowship

Señora de Pilar feast



CORPORATE CLEANUP

PNP needs 3,800 new members

Doctorate student files suit vs UP officials

Australia vs Argentina

DUESSELDORF, Germany—Australia will face Argentina for a place in the final of the World Team Cup on Friday after both nations claimed victory on Wednesday.

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The results leave Australia and Argentina [illegible] and they now play on Friday. Reuters

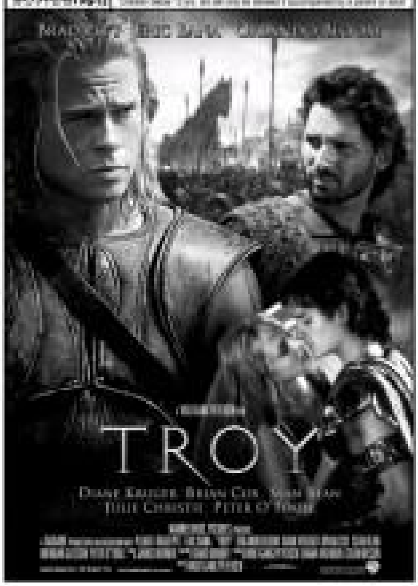
Yao no match for MJ

BEIJING—[illegible]

White accepts 2-yr ban

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado—[illegible]





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WHAT'S INSIDE









Montaña, Blu Star get tickets to q'finals

By Trina Biascan

MONTAÑA Pawnshop and Blu Star took different routes to victory and claimed the last two quarterfinal slots yesterday in the PBL Unity Cup at the Blue Eagle Gym in Ateneo.

The Jewels took the easy road, blowing away Sunkist-UST, 80-59, with the help of defense and their second unit to advance to the quarterfinals against Toyota Otis-Letran on Saturday.

Montaña held the Tigers scoreless in the first five minutes of the second period to post the conference's highest winning margin.

Blu Star found the going tough until Ren-Ren Ritualo and Tim Almeda hit crucial shots in a 68-66 triumph over Lee Pipe-Ateneo.

The Detergent Kings booked a quarterfinal showdown also on Saturday with defending champion Hapee Toothpaste.

The third-seeded Hapee and fourth-seed Toyota Otis enjoy twice-to-beat advantages in the playoffs for semifinal berths.

Powerhouse Viva Mineral Water and Welcoat Paints took the first and second semifinal slots outright by finishing 1-2 in the eliminations.

The 27-point blowout featured the 90-68 win the Jewels fashioned over Welcoat Paints in the elims.

Reserves Ismael Junio and Reagan Ramirez led Montaña with 15 and 11 points apiece, but it was the Jewels' defense that carried them through especially in the second half where they held Sunkist and shut Conquest scoreless.

"We played well against Conquest today. The boys stuck to the game plan because they knew what was at stake," said coach Bobory Ilano, who replaced coach Bong Go midway through the eliminations.

Bobby Allen Fortunato [illegible]



GAMES SATURDAY
(Ateneo Gym)
2 p.m. — Montaña vs Otis
4 p.m. — Hapee Toothpaste vs Blu Star

FAKER Pagsanhan of Sunkist-UST shoves off Danilo Pribilides Jr. (left) of Montaña.

Politics a new ballgame for athletes





Why Garnett is MVP

SPECTATOR



Mayol stakes OPBF title today vs Rubillar

Montaña, Blu Star get tickets to quarterfinals

Teener shines; Tierro through

By Dennis U. Eroa

SUBIC BAY Freeport Zone—Former Philippine Columbian Association junior champion Nico Riego de Dios shocked veteran Roland Kraut, 6-4, 6-2, yesterday to reach the third round of the men's singles in the National Tennis Open amid the stormy weather at the Subic Bay International Tennis Center.

Working behind his powerful groundstrokes, the 16-year-old De Dios shut down the 13th-seed Kraut in the Group I event organized by the Subic Bay Sports Management Inc. and sanctioned by the Philippine Tennis Association.

Patrick John Tierro, another rising star from the world class tennis center, continued to [illegible]

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In ladies singles, [illegible] reached the quarterfinals, [illegible]

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BARBERS HOSTS 2ND ABC AT MANILA SOUTHWOODS

Surigao Del Norte's 2nd District Representative, Robert Ace Barbers will host the 2nd Ace Barbers Cup Golf Tournament on Friday, May 28, 2004 at the Legends Course, Manila Southwoods Golf & Country Club in Carmona, Cavite.

The tournament aims to raise funds for the construction of public school classrooms, a project of sole beneficiary, [illegible] (ABAKADA), Inc.

This event is sponsored by PAGCOR, Home Development Mutual Fund (PAG-IBIG FUND), PLDT Business Solutions, Philippine Tourism Authority, Rhino Men's Tea, Continental Airlines and Cebu Pacific Air.

For ticket inquiries, please call ABAKADA coordinator Yna Sotongon at 726-0806; 726-1550 or Mel Dotera at 912-7829; 811-5934.



BUSINESS

Gov't says economy remains on track

CURRENCIES



Stocks up on bargain hunting



LOWEST SINCE JUNE 2003
April budget gap at ₱7.8B



'04 GDP seen up on exports, consumption

Pancake House acquires Dencio's restaurant chain for ₱160M



PANCAKE continues to expand with Dencio's as its latest acquisition.

Disclosures

'04 GDP seen . . .

Two Mrs. Zobels

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Victor C. Agustin

No charity for chair

Heard through the grapevine

Economic diplomacy in oil gab pushed

Wrong government intervention

By Ernesto M. Ordoñez

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diture requirements in the coming months. She attributed the possibly much higher expenditure in the coming months to the recent oil price increase.

Allowing a further increase in expenditure (which will be compensated by putting more pressure on the already-performing revenue side) comes after government expenses have already been increasing in the past months.

DOF data showed that expenditure for January to April this year reached P293.13 billion, or P25.16 billion higher than the P267.52 billion worth of expenditure in 2003.

Michelle V. Remo

Small stores closing, market crowds thinning

By the PDI Bureaus

SOMETIMES, they are considered monuments of progress, but the rise of huge shopping malls has caused the decay of once lively commercial districts and bustling marketplaces.





ABANAO Square and the Baguio Center Mall lost some customers to SM City Baguio.

Lucena City

Baguio City

Cabanatuan City

Batangas City

Lipa City

San Fernando City

Heritage zone

Makeover

Moratorium



A PORTION of Quezon Avenue, the "former" Lucena City central commercial district.



THE OLD site of the Ayala Center Cebu.

STILL THE TEXT CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

Smart, Globe lead int'l mobile phone players



DTI imposes safeguards to protect glass industry

Importers urge gov't to lower tariffs on meat

Wrong government . . .

LIFESTYLE

Editor: Cheche Bausa-Formoso



Bangkok chic comes to Manila



OVERSIZED tee with neon orange print

Ben Chan brings spicy Thai brand Greyhound to spice up local fashion

By Cheche V. Moral

WITH big-name designer labels claiming their own exclusive spaces in posh Greenbelt 4, is there room left for an equally chic if lesser-known Asian brand?

Ben Chan has made sure there is.

Now that he has successfully exported the Bench franchise overseas, he has placed his bet on a name that has been an institution in street chic in its birthplace but is known only to a handful of Filipinos.

Chan, who brought in French apparel Celio last year, is bringing Greyhound of Thailand to Manila. Its store will formally open on the second floor of Greenbelt 4 on May 29.

Chan has been observing Greyhound for some time now, according to Bhanu Inkawat, creative director of Greyhound. But the man behind Bench bided his time until he felt the local market was "ready."

Greyhound was founded 25 years ago in Thailand by four friends who all "loved fashion and wanted to do something fun," says Inkawat, one of the founders. "We came from different fields but shared the same tastes and style."

The brand started with men's casual wear—jeans, shirts, the works. When the business grew, its originators found themselves needing dressier shirts for meetings and formal functions. A sophisticated line of suits and ties was introduced.

Ten years later, the women's line was born, followed by accessories and footwear. In 2002, Greyhound gave birth to a younger, more experimental and casual brand called Playhound.

Street chic

Greyhound is all about modernity and street chic, says Inkawat. "It is [about] what's cool, simple but never boring. It may just be a white shirt, but you will find small, interesting details."

Inkawat heads the men's design department. A young woman named [illegible] over-

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BHANU Inkawat, Greyhound's creative director: "Trend is something people can't live without. It's part of the new lifestyle. [We have] to make our products answer their needs."

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NAUTICAL blue wrap dress.



PINSTRIPE shirt paired with low-slung pink trousers and brown leather belt



NOODLE-STRAPPED dress

Bangkok chic comes to Manila











Proudly Thai

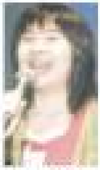


A typical Greyhound shirt may sport unusually cut sleeves, while pants may be made dressier with the use of delicate silk






BUSINESS leaders Eric Pilamer, Manny Pangilinan and Jose Cuisia


QUEENA Lee-Chua at the youth forum


DOING the ribbon-cutting with Ambassador Ramon del Rosario and Judy Roxas are Butch Jimenez, Napoleon Abueva and Guido Delgado.


CELEBS [illegible]

Toasts to young men and society's grand dame


PARTY time for TOYM: Jesus Tambunting, Reynaldo Gregorio, pretty [illegible], Jose T. Pardo and Guido Delgado


THE SINGING Dolls: Butch and Tessa Jimenez [illegible] at the TOYM reunion


BRITTA Quisumbing and Pilar [illegible]


SUPER PALS: Mercy Tuason, Marites Cacho, Dinas [illegible] and Baby [illegible]

THE TOYM Foundation, the group behind the TOYM Awards, held a week of activities unified by the theme, "Upholding Excellence," [illegible].

The celebration started at the [illegible] Hall in Makati, where an exhibit of [illegible] works of visual arts masters such as [illegible], Napoleon Abueva, [illegible] and [illegible], and Jose Joya was unveiled.

A student forum titled "Get Ready to Soar," a series of lectures and workshops, was held at the [illegible] Museum. Taking part in the forum were [illegible] TOYM awardees such as [illegible], Jay [illegible] of Island Souvenirs, John [illegible] of [illegible], [illegible] family [illegible] of the [illegible], and [illegible] of PLDT.

The forum was capped by the performance of the song, "Get Ready to Soar," by the band [illegible].

The celebration culminated in a grand reunion of past TOYM winners in the popular [illegible].

The affair was highlighted by the launch of the book "[illegible]: Stories of Inspiration from the TOYM Awardees," a [illegible] collection of inspiring vignettes written by the winners themselves.

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Without Batting an Eyelash



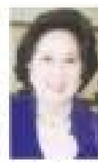
Maurice Arcache

Photos by Alex Van Hagen on Kodak Max


THE GRAND lady of the hour, Liling Olbes, with Imelda Marcos, Vicky Quirino Delgado and Lili [illegible]


THE CELEBRATOR'S close pals: (seated) [illegible] and [illegible]; (standing) [illegible] and Marlene Santos


ARTIST [illegible]


FASHIONABLE lady [illegible]


WOMEN of substance: Baby [illegible], Jesus Tambunting and Mayor [illegible]


THE CELEBRATOR with her daughters, [illegible], Linda and Pinky Olbes, and granddaughters [illegible]


BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE: (Standing) [illegible]; (seated) [illegible], Liling O. and [illegible]


THE DIPLOMATIC set: [illegible] del Rosario and [illegible] del Rosario


DOING [illegible] Villanueva and [illegible]

Toasts to young men . . .

been. He said one retail businessman-friend complained to him, "Business has become so bad, he doesn't have problems anymore with shoplifters," the CEO said.

"How come?" I asked.

"Because even shoplifters have stopped coming in," the CEO replied. Ooops!

The Manila Jaycees has been organizing the TOYM awards since 1959. It was Ambassador Ramon del Rosario who headed the first search in 1959.

Presently, Boydee Dizon is the chair of the search committee. The foundation chair is Guido Delgado and the president is Butch Jimenez. Now you know, *palanggas*. It's a totally cool foundation.



SOUTHERN Lady July Araneta Roxas

Social darling

Cosmo Manila's grand dames of old and new wealth came fashionably on time for the *tres* elegant lunch at the Makati Shangri-La on the occasion of the dazzling 77th birthday of grand dame Liding Miranda vda. de Oledan. The party was hosted by her four sparkling daughters: Linda, Anna, Pinky and Tess.



NATY Pappas

"All our lives, Mommy has been there for us, been the strongest foundation in our lives, and given us the best, and on her birthday, we thank her, as best we can, by bringing together the friends nearest and dearest to her, with whom she has shared many happy moments in her life," said Pinky.

Yes, *palanggas*, it was truly a gathering of sophisticated women of great accomplishment and stature, a symbol of the celebrator's full life of achievement, charity work and friendships.

Superbly organized and executed by Linda O., the fabulous sit-down lunch was a supreme gastronomic fest, starting off with a generous appetizer medley of foie gras cooked three ways, caviar and smoked salmon. It was followed by pan-roasted Chilean sea bass with truffle oil, and then by an 8-oz prime US beef filet mignon with Pommes Anna and individually served creamed spinach. The meal was capped by a dessert buffet consisting of a crepe station, profiteroles, molten Valrhona chocolate cake, creme brulée, cheesecake, strawberry shortcake, and tons of fresh fruits.



NELLY Lacson-Gonzales

Each eye-catching table was elegantly decorated by top florist Toni Parsons, no less. In abundance were imported autumn royal grapes and foot-long giant roses, in shades of red, pink, peach and white—all for the chi-chi guests to bring home at the end of the affair.

And that wasn't all they brought home, dahlings. True to form, the golden-hearted Liding O. carefully selected precious pieces of jewelry, mostly strands of gorgeous pearls, for everyone to bring home after lunch. The guests were like giggling, excited little girls when they opened the take-home presents.

Liding O. was simple elegance at her best; she had on two strands of a dove blue-gray South Sea pearl necklace with invisibly set Van Cleef and Arpels pink diamonds. She glowed as she mingled with her pals.

The affair was distinguished by the presence of three former first ladies: Vicky Quirino-Delgado, Imelda Marcos and Sen. Loi Estrada. They socialized with such friends who came from far and wide as the vivacious Doña Nenita Floirendo, who jetted in from Davao only for this occasion; Britta Quisumbing, who came in from Cebu; popular artist Betsy Brias Westendorp, who came from Madrid; and ultra-glamorous Imelda Cojuangco. Other power ladies were Olongapo City Mayor Kate Gordon, Southern heiress Judy Araneta Roxas, Philippine Tatler publisher Irene Martel Francisco (whose late mother, Luz Puyat, was the celebrator's bosom pal), and the beautiful Tingting Cojuangco.

Last, but never the least, was one of Liding's dearest friends, the adorable Naty Pappas, who, just ask anybody, is the one who invented charm, and philanthropist and brilliant leader of the social pack, Chito Madrigal Collantes. Also there were Ina Dizon, Linda Mabanta and Tetchie Velazquez, *palanggas*.

When socialite Mercy Tuason teasingly complained to Imelda that it wasn't fair that Imelda got a longer two-strand pearl necklace than what she got, the former first lady replied, "After all, Mercy, I'm so much taller than you are." The remark left Mercy speechless but smiling.

It was truly a birthday to remember, with only the "creme de menthe" of our town's icy society in attendance to wish Liding O. of more happy years to come.

Cheers, *palangga*.

Lifestyle



AN OPEN-AIR pavilion is covered with an unusual kind of flowering vine.



THE AQUINOS like their garden lush.

An English garden and then some

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Joe Galvez Pesado

IT doesn't take a genius to know that lack of water can eventually kill plants. Then again, neither is too much water a guarantee for their survival. What does require some thinking is finding a way to strike a balance based on how much water particular plants need and the kind of soil they would thrive in.

A good drainage system is important. It took interior designer and landscape artist Ata Habib several months to figure out the right one for sister Nona Aquino's garden, a 2,000-sq m space right in the heart of Quezon City's "adobe country."

"Before the installation of a drainage system," says Habib, "there was a lot of waterlogged areas. The soil was easily eroded and couldn't fully soak up water as the land is rocky."

Barren space

The problem began when Aquino and husband bought an empty lot adjacent to their house in one of the city's gated communities. They envisioned the newly acquired property as the site of a future garden and two-story guesthouse.

"You should have seen the lot when we first acquired it," says Aquino. "It was nothing but barren space."

Thanks to Habib's research, the Aquinos were finally able to achieve their dream. Aside from a thriving English garden with Zen touches here and there, the once-barren lot now also features a small two-story guesthouse that echoes the look of the older main house. Its second floor is a bachelor's pad occupied by the couple's eldest son.

How did Habib do it? By first studying the land's contours, she was able to find out where water pooled after a rainshower. She then had the property dug before installing a series of perforated PVC pipes patterned after a herringbone. The series of pipes, in turn, led to several covered trenches or canals.

The PVC pipes are now hidden from view beneath several layers of gravel, sand and rich garden soil. Before water reaches the pipes, it passes through sand and gravel that act as virtual sieves. Once the system was in place, waterlogged areas became a thing of the past. Aquino and Habib were then finally able to select the plants they liked.

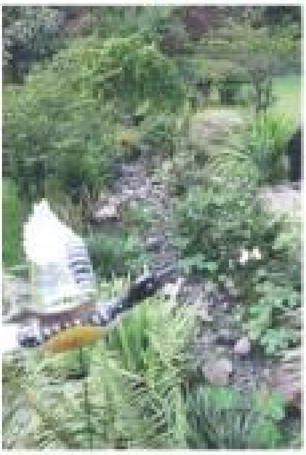
"We chose plants that are attractive as well as hardy," says Aquino. "They should be easy to care for and thrive in a wet environment."

From rocky and barren, Aquino's garden is now soft and lush with plants. Bright green carabao grass, [illegible] palms, [illegible] trees and several plumbagos—a bush-like plant with deep aqua flowers—blanket the property. It's also home to a number of other flowering plants such as [illegible], Doña Luz, miniature bougainvillea and several gumamelas with red, peach and yellow flowers. An arch over a dry riverbed teems with luxuriant pet-

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An English garden and then some

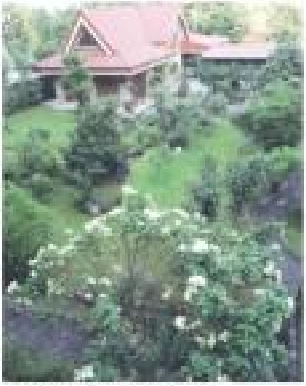








Once rocky and barren, Nona Aquino's piece of property in the heart of QC's 'adobe country' is now soft and lush with greenery







Fashionable initials

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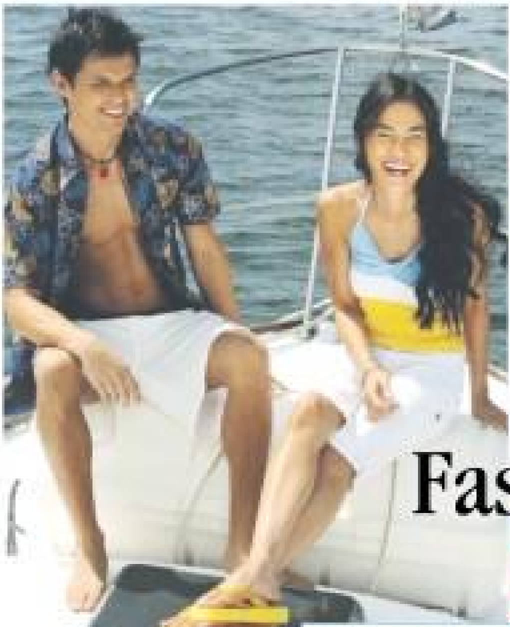
ON HIM: White swim shorts (P265). On her: White hooded jacket (P575), and blue and red tankini (P475)

By Chacha V. Moral

IN THIS age of logophiles, when consumers happily pay to be walking billboards of every clothing, shoe and accessories brand, why not strut around bearing your own initials?

Monogramming has been around for ages. As a trend, it has gained and lost popularity so many times it appears monograms will continue to keep their

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B&B tank (P299) and red swim shorts (P399)

Fashionable initials

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way through fashion. In fact, there are shops whose sole business is to personalize items with monograms, either by stenciling, embroidering, printing.

Some, however, think wearing one's initials is a little uncool. Not too long ago, though, monogramming became hip again when pop stars Madonna and Missy Elliot graced ad campaigns for The Gap wearing their initials on the front pockets of their jeans. In the May 2004 issue of InStyle, several pages are devoted to the monogram trend—they're all over, from home accessories to jewelry to clothes.

Trend mongers can hop on the monogram bandwagon this June with clothing store Bobo's "Monogram Yours" promo. This shop that's known for its young, trendy and affordable clothes and gift items is offering free monogramming with every P500 that includes an item with the "Monogram Yours" tag.

Featured items range from young men's shorts and shirts to girl's sexy tanks, bags and a number of gift items. Shop patrons can choose from a variety of typefaces. If purchase is short of the P500 minimum, P15 will be charged for each monogram.

While some people normally don't buy monogrammed items for themselves, they always enjoy receiving items that have been picked—and named—specially for them, so consider picking items for your friends to be personalized while you're out getting some for yourself.

Visit the branches at SM Manila, SM Centerpoint, SM Pampanga, Robinsons Galleria, Robinsons Place Manila, Glorietta 1, Alabang Town Center, Market! Market! Supermall and Araneta Square Baguio.



HOT PINK tee (P145)

